

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: November 25, 2008

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney.

Item 1 – Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Jacque Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Barbie Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve a one-year Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Gila County regarding AHCCCS qualification and enrollment of hospitalized Gila County inmates.

James Eskew, Sheriff's Office Detention Commander, stated that the Sheriff's Association has been working on this IGA for over a year to get all Arizona counties to contract with AHCCCS for inmate hospitalization services. Gila County's average cost for the past 5 years has been approximately \$20,000 per year, which is one of the lowest compared to other counties. In this IGA one of the requirements of AHCCCS is that each county must put up 50 percent of the average cost for the past 5 years, which will be \$10,000, and a major savings for Gila County. He explained that if Gila County had been under AHCCCS for the last 5 years, the cost would have been even lower. He then called on Richard Hobson, Manager of Detention Medical Services, to explain more about the IGA. Mr. Hobson explained that this is also an insurance policy that will affect the Sheriff's Office inpatients, which are patients that are taken to the hospital and actually admitted. One of the qualifiers under this IGA includes that the inmates admitted to the hospital are expected to remain there for a minimum of 24 hours in order for the costs to be covered. This

won't cover emergency room visits or things of a similar nature. Inpatient hospital costs to the County for the past 5 years were as follows: \$57,000 for 2003; \$10,000 for 2004; \$16,000 for 2005; \$53,000 for 2006 and \$5,000 for 2007. Those total costs average out to \$20,000-\$30,000 per year, which are costs the County actually paid and those costs are approximately 50 percent of what the County was billed. AHCCCS rates are 44 percent of the amount billed to the County and under this new IGA the County will pay 50 percent of the AHCCCS rate. Savings to the County will be significant with costs dropping to approximately 55-56 percent of the total costs in the past. Contained in the back section of the IGA, it reflects that the County's costs are projected to drop to \$4,000-\$5,000 per year. The County will be required to deposit with AHCCCS the amount of \$10,000, or half of the last 5-year average, which will be payment in advance for any services AHCCCS will pay for the County. All costs to the County will be deducted from the deposit and the County will be requested to replace any funds used to keep it at the \$10,000 level. Any funds not utilized will be rolled over to the next term. At the end of the contract if terminated by either party, any remaining funds would be returned back to the County. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez, Mr. Hobson stated that this is a new program. He explained that currently for inmates requiring hospitalization, the County has been billed and paid the bill because the County has had no insurance. In reviewing other insurance options specifically for inmates, the deductibles have been quite large and in reviewing all of the costs, there would have been no savings to the County and the costs probably would have been higher. If there are no inmate patients that qualify under this plan, there will be no cost at all to the County. An officer and two medical staff are currently being trained specifically to handle the qualifying details for each inmate in a timely manner. Under AHCCCS there are specific qualifications, one of which is that inmates must be incarcerated for at least 30 days so new arrests would not qualify. Another qualification is that inmates must have no other insurance available. Mr. Hobson stated that his understanding is that AHCCCS is getting a federal grant to pay its 50 percent portion and the counties will be paying the other 50 percent. By the counties going through AHCCCS, it will allow them to be able to utilize AHCCCS rates, which are typically 44% of the standard costs. Supervisor Dawson stated that on page 4 of the IGA, it includes a section about "institution for mental disease" and she inquired if this will include mental health coverage and detoxification programs. Mr. Hobson and Mr. Eskew did not know as they are only dealing with the medical coverage portion; however, Mr. Hobson thought that the inmates would not qualify for detoxification coverage under this IGA with AHCCCS because of the 30-day incarceration requirement and would have already completed a detoxification program prior to the 30 days. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if this would result in a true savings to the County or if the County could possibly be setting itself up for unintended consequences in the future. Mr. Hobson reiterated that this IGA would result in a cost savings to the County. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Eskew and Mr. Hobson for the presentation. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin,

seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved a one-year IGA with AHCCCS regarding AHCCCS qualification and enrollment for hospitalized Gila County inmates.

Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 073108-1 - Height Modernization Processing between Geodetic Analysis, LLC and Gila County whereby services will be provided to assist the County in establishing a system of survey control stations in the not to exceed amount of \$20,000.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, stated that this Contract deals with approximately 70 survey monuments the County has set from Strawberry across the rim into Young. The County has surveyed the monuments and gathered the information; however, the data has not been processed to actually reflect the location of those caps in relation to the earth's surface in latitude/longitude, state plain coordinates and elevation above sea level. In the past, SWI (Shephard-Westnizer, Inc.) had done this work for the County, but the County is still waiting for SWI to finish a project they started in the Globe area in 2003. The Arizona State Cartographer's Office has stepped in and offered the County \$20,000 to assist with the processing of this data and that money will be used for the proposed Contract with Geodetic Analysis, LLC. A payment of \$10,000 has already been paid to the County and the other \$10,000 will be forthcoming from the State once the Contract is complete; hence this Contract states "in an amount not to exceed \$20,000." Once the data is processed, it will be published on the SWI website. Any maps of the area that are updated will reflect the new data that can be used by local surveyors, people with handheld GPS equipment that are out in the forest and hunters that are recreating. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez as to whether or not the proposed company has been used by the County before, Mr. Sanders called on Tom Homan, GIS Systems Analyst Senior, to address the question. Mr. Homan stated that the County has used Geodetic Analysis, LLC in the past. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 073108-1 – Height Modernization Processing with Geodetic Analysis, LLC whereby services will be provided to assist the County in establishing a system of survey control stations in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action to authorize David B. Caddell, GEST Program Manager, to accept Amendment #1 on behalf of the Gila County Board of Supervisors for Contract No. DE080000-53-A1, which extends the contract period from ~~1/1/2008~~ 1/1/2009 through 12/31/2009 and revises the Special Terms and Conditions section of the Contract, and to explain the State's SPIRIT System with regard to the County's electronic filing of new solicitations, proposals, contracts or amendments.

Dave Caddell, GEST Program Manager, presented to the Board copies of the contract and e-mail received through the SPIRIT System so the Board could see how this information is now received by the County. He noted for the record that the term of the contract should be from 1/1/2009, not 1/1/2008 as noted on the agenda, through 12/31/2009. He then explained to the Board that the SPIRIT system is now processing its contracts and amendments to contracts by a link via e-mail and then through the State's SPIRIT System online excluding the requirement for any hard copies or signed paperwork. He is required to simply press an "Approve" button online for the contract to be instantly approved by the County. Mr. Caddell told the Board that on page 8 of the contract, it shows where he has completed the required information and he is now awaiting approval from the Board authorizing him to press the "Approve" button. Mr. Caddell stated that the State is going to a paperless process for all contracts as explained to him by the lady who helped design the SPIRIT system. Chairman Sanchez inquired if there would be any changes or amendments to the terms of this contract. Mr. Caddell replied that changes can be made up to the deadline of the contract and everything is now short term, which would basically allow little or no time to present it to the Board for approval, so during this new process he has met with Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney. He is also working on a recommendation that will be presented to the Board for approval on how to deal with this issue. He stated that this particular Amendment No. 1 for consideration today will have no other changes. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized David B. Caddell to accept Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the Gila County Board of Supervisors for Contract No. DEO800000-53-A1.

Item 5 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Letter of Agreement between Canyonlands Community Health Care-Safford and the Gila County Health Department to be deputized by Canyonlands to provide underinsured individuals with VFC vaccines on behalf of their facility.

Lorraine Dalrymple, Health Services Program Manager, stated that the Arizona State budget crisis has affected many programs including the State vaccine budget of the Arizona Immunization Program Office (AIPO) whereby funding for the 2008-2009 fiscal year has been extremely reduced. The Gila County Health Department has been immunizing the underinsured children here in the County with vaccines purchased by State 317 grant funds. In the past these State vaccine funds have allowed AIPO to fund both required and recommended vaccines, which were not supported by the Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, public insurance like KidsCare or private insurance. The reduction in the budget now requires a change in what vaccines AIPO is able to make available to providers. Effective January 1, 2009, AIPO will continue to purchase and supply VFC participating providers with vaccines for children that are required for child care or school attendance. However, AIPO will no longer be able to purchase the recommended vaccines, which are

different from the required vaccines, for underinsured children 18 years or younger unless the clinic is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The Federally Qualified Health Centers will continue to receive both required and recommended vaccines from the AIPO for underinsured children by using federal vaccine funds. All county health departments are being asked to be deputized by a FQHC. In order for the Gila County Health Department to be deputized by Canyonlands Community Health Care-Safford (Canyonlands), which is a Federally Qualified Health Center, to provide underinsured individuals with the VFC vaccines on behalf of their facility, a Letter of Agreement is required. There is no other obligation on the County's part. Then the County will continue to receive the vaccine at no cost to the County by the State and administer and account for the vaccine as has been done in the past without further involvement from Canyonlands. As of October 7, 2008, 7 of the 15 county health departments were deputized to administer federal VFC vaccine to the underinsured children. The State estimates that approximately \$1 million or more will be saved. Between July 2007 and July 2008, the Gila County Health Departments in Globe and Payson have provided service to approximately 4,600 underinsured children. Ms. Dalrymple requested that the Board approve this Letter of Agreement. Upon inquiry by Supervisor Dawson as to the reason Canyonlands was selected, Ms. Dalrymple stated that Canyonlands is the closest Federally Qualified Health Center and it also has an agreement with Graham County. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved a Letter of Agreement with Canyonlands Community Health Care-Safford to provide underinsured individuals with VFC vaccines on behalf of their facility.

Item 6 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval to certify the "Fill the Gap" funds per A.R.S. 42-2421 (G) for the Treasurer's Office FY 07/08 annual collections by the following:

- **Superior Court** **\$879,715.13**
- **Payson Regional** **\$567,117.71**
- **Globe Regional** **\$606,794.69**
- **Total** **\$2,053,627.53**

- **5% Proportion T-895** **\$102,681.38**

B. Approval of a Contract Pricing Addendum between the Gila County I.T. Department and AT&T reducing the monthly cost from \$3,545.80 to \$2,359 due to downsizing rack space at the County's offsite AT&T co-location.

C. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 061306-1 – Automated Vending Machine Services between Gila County and Swire Coca Cola, USA to extend the expiration period from 11/21/08 to 11/20/09.

D. Approval to appoint the following persons as precinct committeemen to the Gila County Republican Committee: Susan Everhart, Jeffrey M. Loyd, Dale Richard Kasl, Gregory Dave Friestad, Patricia Jane Steely, Linda L. O'Dell, Dwight R. Branson, Sherida Carlson, Lorraine Melford, Dennis C. Melford, Ron Neldon, Nancy Jeneen Spurlock, Charles Patrick Spurlock, June Therese Dudley, Kimberly Ann Bales, Steve Ellis, Jacqueline D. Begay, Janet R. Williams, Margaret Louise Vaughn, Kristan Louise Sauder, Russell Wright and Keven E. Rush.

E. Approval of the following reappointments: John Perlman and Arthur E. Lloyd as Justices of the Peace Pro Tempore for the Payson Regional Justice Court; Gary V. Scales as Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for the Globe Regional Justice Court and Rebecca Baeza, John Huffman, Ronnie O. McDaniel, James E. Weeks, Peter J. DeNinno and J. Dee Flake as Justices of the Peace Pro Tempore for the Payson and Globe Regional Justice Courts. The term for the reappointments shall be for one year (1/1/09 through 12/31/09).

F. Approval of the October 28, 2008, and November 6, 2008, BOS meeting minutes.

G. Approval of the October 2008 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Recorder and the Payson Regional Justice of the Peace.

H. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of November 25, 2008.

Departure from County Service:

1. Jason Pechuli – Juvenile Detention – Juvenile Detention Officer – 11-08-08 – General Fund – DOH 01-24-05 - Resignation

Position Review:

2. Sam Brewer – Payson Constable Office – Payson Constable – 01-01-09 – General Fund – New salary set by statute
3. Shannon Mostashari – Health and Community Services – Environmental Health Specialist – 11-24-08 - Prop 201 Smoke Free AZ Act Fund – Registered Sanitarian

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Hire to County Service:

4. Bryan Burgener – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Detention Officer – 11-24-08 – General Fund – Replacing Michael Hicks
5. Robert Woodhull – Sheriff's Office/Payson – 911 Dispatcher – 12-08-08 – General Fund – Replacing Brandon Caldwell

End Probationary Period:

6. Christopher Pena – Sheriff’s Office/Globe – Deputy Sheriff – 12-08-08 – General Fund

I. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of November 25, 2008. (separate handout)

\$1,353,245.68 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 213332 through 213828 and check number 213860. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 6A-6I.

Item 7 - At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-31.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrator may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on issues presented.

Each Board member and Mr. Besich presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk